

# FOUR HUNDRED MEN ARE KILLED IN MINE DISASTER

Terrific Explosion of Gas  
Wrecks Colliery at Car-  
diff, Wales.

## MINE CATCHES FIRE

Five Hundred of More Than  
Nine Hundred Are Saved  
by Rescuers.

CARDIFF, Wales, Oct. 14.—More than 400 Welsh coal miners are believed to have perished this morning in the Universal colliery near here. A terrific explosion of gas shattered the works shortly after 9:31 men had gone down the shaft. Five hundred had been rescued up to noon, when fire broke out and stopped the work of rescue.

The day shift descended the shaft in cages at 5 o'clock. An hour afterward a deafening report brought the inhabitants in the vicinity to the pit head. A man who had been working sixty feet away had been decapitated by the force of the blast.

Rescue parties of miners belonging to the night crew prepared to enter the mine in an endeavor to save their comrades. The fire reputation of the mines gave little hope that any of those below could be saved.

An entrance was found by way of an adjacent shaft. On descending the rescue parties came across many groups of men huddled together in portions of the mine where the air was still good. By noon they had brought to the surface about 500.

This pit was the scene of an explosion thirteen years ago, when 120 miners lost their lives. Only one of those below at that time was rescued alive.

The rescued miners, the members of the life saving gang and the mine officials declared this afternoon they could hold out no hope for those of the miners still below.

The men brought to the surface were found on the east side of the mine, where the ventilation remained fairly good. On the west side, where the explosion occurred, fire soon added its terrors and the rescue parties were unable to make any progress.

The mine officials found it necessary to call a detachment of police to keep back women and children who crowded around the entrances in hope of obtaining some news of their relatives.

Most of the rescued men presented a pitiable appearance. Nearly all were suffering from burns or shocks.

## HEAD OF N. Y. PRISON REFORM COMMITTEE IN CELL AS CONVICT TO STUDY REFORMS



Thomas Mott Osborne.

Thomas Mott Osborne, anti-Tammany leader and chairman of the prison reform committee of New York has entered Auburn prison in that state on the same basis as a convicted felon. He voluntarily sentenced himself to an indeterminate period for the purpose of learning the mental processes that operate when a man is committed to a state's prison.

## BOOSTERS' GAME IS TO BE PLAYED

By City League Teams in Effort to Discharge Indebtedness.

A big booster's baseball game is to be played Sunday, October 19 at Union park. Although the fans some good games this season and the season was a success as far as good games was concerned, it was not a success from a financial standpoint. At a meeting held last night with all members present, J. O. Brooks presiding, it was found that the league was in debt about \$250 and it was decided to hold this big game to raise funds with which to liquidate the debt. As all the boys who have been away playing baseball will be home, a good game will be assured.

This will be the lineup to go against the strong Goff Building team which, it seems, cannot be beaten: Guy Zinn, who has been playing with the Boston Nationals; Gribben, of the Southern League; Carmony, of the Ohio State league; John Dawson, of the Western league; Cy Dawson, of the Federal league; "Rooster" Zinn, whom you all know; Beverage, Seigrist and the old reliable "Bull" Smith.

J. O. Brooks has started the ball rolling by buying five tickets. The tickets will be placed on sale at \$1.00 each and it is hoped that every one will help to make this event a success.

## BURNED TO DEATH

Are Two Women Patients When Flames Damage Sanitarium.

BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 14.—Mrs. Rebecca Strauss, a widow, and Miss Ida Verley, both of Baltimore, and patients at Edgemere sanitarium at Gwynns, a suburb, were burned to death in a fire of unknown origin, which destroyed the interior of the building today. Miss Hoberly, a nurse, received serious burns.

There were eighteen patients in the building. All were asleep when the fire broke out and there were many thrilling rescues.

## RECOVERS FROM OPERATION.

Mrs. H. W. Dobbin, who has been a patient at the Kessler hospital here for the last three weeks, has recovered sufficiently to go to her home at Vienna. She underwent a surgical operation.

## BAPTISTS START SESSIONS TONIGHT

With Meeting of Ministers  
and Women in Two  
Churches.

The observance of the following program by the Ministers' Fraternal Union this evening in the First Baptist church here will mark the opening of the forty-ninth session of the Baptist General Association of West Virginia, which will continue until Sunday, inclusive.

7:30—Devotional exercises—The Rev. A. J. King, Terra Alta.

7:45—Preliminary business.

8:00—Opening address by the president—The Rev. W. C. Taylor, D. D.

8:20—Address—"A Citizen of the Christ's Kingdom"—The Rev. James A. Bennett, Sistersville.

9:00—Address—"The Addressive Church"—The Rev. R. B. McDaniel, Covington, Ky.

9:30—Discussion, led by the Rev. M. L. Wood, D. D., Huntington.

Adjournment.

The association program proper tomorrow will be as follows:

9:00—Devotional exercise—The Rev. F. W. Dunaway, Beckley.

9:15—Business.

9:30—"The Minister as an Educator"—Prof. Hulley, Broadus College.

10:00—"The Pastor and Modern Amusements"—The Rev. T. C. Johnson, D. D., Charleston.

10:30—"The Preacher's Passion"—The Rev. H. W. Tiffany, Elkins.

11:00—"An Insurgent Ministry"—The Rev. W. J. Eddy, Fairmont.

11:30—General discussion and round table.

Address—"The Pastor's Income"—The Rev. F. E. Brimston, Wheeling.

Adjournment.

Afternoon Service.

2:00—Devotional service.

2:15—Annual sermon—The Rev. Arthur Hank, Parkersburg.

3:00—Appointment of committees.

3:30—President's annual address.

Night Service.

7:30—Report of the executive board.

7:45—Our Progress and Prospects—The Rev. G. E. Bartlett.

8:15—"The Place of Evangelism in West Virginia"—The Rev. A. S. Kelley.

Women's Missionary Meeting.

In connection with the annual meeting of the general association, a woman's missionary meeting will be held tonight in the Central Christian church. It will begin at 7:30 o'clock. There will be prominent missionary speakers from Chicago, Burma, India and other places and an interesting program has been prepared.

Women of all denominations are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

## TWO CHARGES

Are Lodged against Curt Swager and Wife, Alleged Robbers.

Curtis Swager and wife, who are held in the county jail on a charge of assault and highway robbery, will be given a hearing before Magistrate T. G. Nicewarner at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening.

Swager and his wife were arrested last night by Lieutenant Whyte and Officers Simms and Shope, after complaint had been made at the station by William Ramsey, who lives near West Union, that he had been assaulted and robbed. Ramsey was in a serious condition, having sustained severe cuts about the head and shoulders and had also been struck about the eye with a rock. Mrs. Annie Bain, who was arrested with the Swager couple, is held as a material witness.

Ramsey was given medical attention at once. There is an additional charge of carrying concealed weapons lodged against Mrs. Swager and she will be given a hearing on this charge at the same time.

## NEW EPOCH, SAYS MEXICAN OFFICIAL

Reply to American Note to Be Delivered at Once.

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 14.—An early answer will be made by the Mexican government to the communication from Washington stating that the United States would look with displeasure upon any injury to the Mexican deputies under arrest, according to the Mexican foreign minister, Teodoro M. de Huerta. It was the subject of a cabinet meeting which lasted until an early hour this morning.

Mexico's reply will be delivered today to the American charge.

## SMALL VOTE IN FIRST DISTRICT

of circumstances, a repetition of our experiences in 1892 and 1897 under the Cleveland administration, when our national credit was subjected to so severe a strain.

Hearne Running Ahead in Many Places Telephone Reports Say.

## LONG

Aeroplane Flights Are Being Made for International Prizes.

JOHANNISTAL, Germany, Oct. 14.—This was the day of long aeroplane flights in Germany. Three aviators ascended from the field here shortly after midnight in an effort to win the chief prize of the national aviation subscription.

Aviator Reichelt with a passenger started for Spain. He reached the French frontier flying at a height of 6,000 feet when his motor stopped. The aviator planed downward through a heavy fog and landed on a house, crashing in the roof and terrorizing the sleeping inhabitants. He was not hurt.

An air collision between two aeroplanes at a height of 150 feet occurred here this afternoon. Two aviators and a passenger were seriously hurt.

## APPROVED

Is Report on Currency Bill by National Chamber of Commerce.

DETROIT, Oct. 14.—The constitution membership of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, including local chambers of commerce and boards of trade, has approved by referendum vote the report of its banking and currency committee on the Owen-Glass currency bill.

The board of directors in session here completed the ballot of the canvass today and found the sentiment of the business men's organization in favor of the report of the committee.

## SAYS CAR FARES MUST BE LARGER

## DICTATOR

Of Mexico Huerta Duly Proclaims Himself to Be.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 14.—Copies of a proclamation by Provisional President Huerta announcing himself dictator over Mexico were received at the state department today and considered at the cabinet meeting.

Huerta declared suspended that provision of the constitution which grants immunity from arrest to members of the Mexican Congress and announces that he will from time to time issue executive decrees because of the dissolution of congress.

## SECRETARY

Of State Comes Here from Buckhannon to Vote.

Stuart F. Reed, secretary of state, came to Clarksburg from Buckhannon to vote in the special congressional election here and look after personal business matters. He had been at Buckhannon for a week, having been summoned thither from Charleston by the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. M. P. D. Reed, who was in a critical condition but who is now somewhat improved. Mrs. Stuart F. Reed went to Buckhannon with her husband but returned to her home in Charleston Saturday.

## HEARING THURSDAY EVENING.

Harry McAtee, who was arrested Monday on a charge of stealing automobile tires from the Oil Well Supply Company, will be given a hearing before Magistrate T. G. Nicewarner at 7:20 o'clock Thursday evening. McAtee has been identified by Lloyd Duff, to whom he held the tires.

## COTTRILL FUNERAL.

Funeral services over the body of "Shed" Cottrill, who ended his life at 5 o'clock Monday morning by drinking a quantity of poison, were held at 10 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the home at Northview and the burial was in the Greenlawn cemetery.

## LAMAR POWELL DEAD.

FAIRMONT, Oct. 14.—Lamar C. Powell, aged 78, veteran newspaper man, founder and owner for a long number of years of the Fairmont Daily West Virginian, died shortly before 1 o'clock today.

## WEATHER FAVORABLE

Republican Nominee Giving Neely a Warm Run in Marion.

Telephone reports from several cities in the first congressional district late Tuesday afternoon indicated that Julian G. Hearne, Republican nominee, would carry them by safe majorities in the special congressional election being held today and that he is also running well in the country districts.

Republican leaders at Fairmont are claiming the city for Hearne over both Neely and Laughlin.

At Mannington the assurances are that Hearne will get the biggest vote. It is believed that Hearne will carry Clarksburg by a big majority and reports from the county are to the effect that Republicans are lining up solidly for him.

The Laughlin vote is almost negligible and in many precincts will not be as large as the Prohibition or Socialist votes.

Only a light vote is being polled in this end of the district. It will run about half in Clarksburg and perhaps lower in the county precincts. A fifty to sixty per cent vote is being cast in Marion county. Fine weather prevails throughout the district.

## COMPLAINT

And Summons Permitted in Noted Alienation Suit.

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—Counsel for Mrs. Katherine K. Blake, who recently sued her husband, Dr. Joseph A. Blake for separation, obtained a supreme court order today permitting them to file a complaint and summons in Mrs. Blake's \$1,000,000 suit against Mrs. Clarence H. Mackay for alleged alienation of Dr. Blake's affections. Mrs. Mackay was served with papers in the suit today but it was not until today that the matter came into court.

## ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT AVERS Modern Demands Make Raise Necessary.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Oct. 14.—Fares will have to be increased if street railway companies must meet the present day demands of the public and survive. This was the declaration today of George H. Harris, president of the American Electric Railway Association, in opening the annual convention of that organization and allied bodies.

Unless fares are increased, Mr. Harris said, there will be a succession of more or less destructive experiences, resulting on the one hand from the broadening of city borders and the consequent extension of lines, forcible multiplication of transfer points, compulsory wage increases, compulsory taxation and growing cost of construction and maintenance and on the other hand the fixed or rather the diminishing fare.

## THORP MARRIES

Famous Athlete and Baseball Player Wins Bride at Carlisle.

CARLISLE, Pa., Oct. 14.—James Thorpe, the Indian from Oklahoma, world's greatest athlete and member of the New York Giants' baseball team, married Margaret Eva Miller here today. She is a native of Oklahoma and a former student at the Carlisle Indian school, where Thorpe attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Thorpe will leave tonight for New York, where on Thursday they will join the New York Giants on their tour of the world.

## DECEMBER 1

New Express Rates Will Become Effective Instead of Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14.—The new express rates, recently prescribed by the Interstate Commerce Commission, will become effective on December 1, instead of tomorrow. A request for extension was granted but a request that the scale be revised was refused.

## THIRTEEN DRUNKS.

There were thirteen drunks before Mayor Will H. Cole in police court Tuesday morning. Six of the offenders paid fines, while the remaining seven, being without funds, were allowed to go their way unmolested.